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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 102 EXBD ITEM 6.1: RELEVANCE OF OTHER
UN ACTIVITIES TO UNESCO

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1. AS ANTICIPATED, USSR, ACCOMPANIED BY GDR AND CUBA,
DURING APRIL 29 COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF 102 EX/21
(RELEVANCE OF OTHER UN AGENCY ACTIVITIES TO UNESCO'S
WORK) WEIGHED IN ON PEACE AND DISARMAMENT, COLONIALISM
AND RACISM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE.
POLITICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF DEBATE WERE AS FOLLOWS:

2. GDR OPENED DEBATE ON AGENDA ITEM WITH OVERVIEW OF
USUAL TOPICS OF CONCERN INCLUDING "PEACE AND DISARMAMENT"
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(E.G. DISARMAMENT IS PREREQUISITE TO ACHIEVING PEACE,
SOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THIRD WORLD (NIEO), AND
COMBATING COLONIALISM, RACISM, AND APARTHEID), AND ATTACK
ON CHILE FOR "MASSIVE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. USSR, IN ITS FIRST MAJOR INTERVENTION OF 102 EXBD
SESSION, FOLLOWED WITH ELABORATION ON EACH OF THESE

THEMES. ONLY TOPICAL ADDITIONS WERE REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND LIBERAL APPLICATION OF SELF CONGRATULATIONS FOR PROGRESS TO HIGHLY ADVANCED SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY OVER PAST 60 YEARS. INTERVENTION CAME DOWN HARD ON CHILE FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. CUBA FOLLOWED PAYING LIP SERVICE TO DISARMAMENT AND PEACE, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RACISM, THE NIEO, AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THIRD WORLD. BULK OF INTERVENTION, HOWEVER, WAS LONG AND VICIOUS ATTACK ON CHILE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. BOARD MEMBER INSISTED THAT CHILE'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BE PRIORITY ITEM ON 103 EXBD AGENDA.

5. POLAND'S BOARD MEMBER STUCK TO BASIC PROGRAM ISSUES AND DID NOT TAKE PART IN ORCHESTRATION PRESENTED (ABOVE). PRC ALSO AVOIDED PARTISAN ROLE AND LIMITED ITSELF TO USUAL COMMENTARY ON WORLD'S TWO SUPERPOWERS (ONE, I.E. THE USSR, WHICH IS WORSE THAN "THE OTHER") AND EVILS OF "WORLD HEGEMONY."

6. BRAZIL'S VENERABLE BOARD MEMBER, AMBASSADOR CARNEIRO (WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH HEARING HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS) LED REBUTTAL TO PARTISAN ATTACK ON CHILE. HE INDIGNANTLY AND RESOLUTELY CHASTIZED CUBAN BOARD MEMBER FOR REMARKS WHICH WOULD MAKE UNESCO A "TRIBUNAL," AND ACCUSED "SOME" COUNTRIES OF USING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION ISSUES AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"SMOKESCREEN," IGNORING AND SELECTING FROM AMONG THEM TO
SUIT THEIR OWN PURPOSES. UNESCO, CARNEIRO CONTINUED, HAS
SOME CLEAR CHOICES TO MAKE IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. IT
DOES NOT MEAN QUARRELING OVER AGENDA ITEMS, BUT "THE NEED
TO PROTECT MAN WHEREVER HE LIVES."

7. NORWAY, FRG, AND US ALSO COMMENTED ALONG SIMILAR
LINES, THOUGH IN MUCH "LOWER KEY." US BOARD MEMBER
INTERVENTION, WHICH INCLUDED BRIEF STATEMENT ON UN
CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT,
WAS BASICALLY AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. ALL SIGNATORIES
OF THE UN CHARTER AND OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO OBSERVE AND TO
RESPECT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. IN THIS CONTEXT, AND FROM
OUR OWN CONVICTIONS DEEPLY ROOTED IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM
OF GOVERNMENT, COMMONLY HELD BELIEFS, AND PROGRAMS OF
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ACTION, WE CERTAINLY AGREE THAT NO MEMBER OF THE UN AND
ITS AGENCIES CAN, OR SHOULD, IGNORE OR AVOID ITS
RESPONSIBILITIES TO SPEAK-OUT IN SITUATIONS WHERE THERE
ARE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

8. IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, HOWEVER, CARE MUST BE
EXERCISED NOT TO SINGLE OUT SOME FOR THE VIOLATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, WHILE CONVENIENTLY IGNORING OTHERS'
VIOLATIONS ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL INTERESTS. ONLY IF
EVEN-HANDED, NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT IS ACCORDED TO
ALL -- AND IRRESPECTIVE OF WHO COMMITS THEM -- WILL
EFFORTS TO BRING TO AN END VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY
EXPOSING THEM, PROCEED WITH ANY IMPORTANT EFFECT.
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